

AMENDMENT TO THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the Abstract on Page 13 with the following amended Abstract:

-- Improved actuation assemblies of ~~this invention~~ are designed for use used with variable geometry ~~turbocharger~~ turbochargers comprising a plurality of movable aerodynamic vanes ~~disposed within a turbocharger turbine housing.~~ ~~The turbocharger includes an actuator that is coupled~~ attached to a movable unison ring ~~disposed within the turbine housing, and attached to the plurality of aerodynamic vanes~~ that is coupled to an actuator. The actuation assembly ~~comprises~~ includes a crank arm ~~rotatably disposed within the turbine housing. The crank arm~~ that is attached at a first end to the actuator, and ~~is attached~~ at a second end to the unison ring. A first gear member is attached to the crank arm second end and includes ~~a number of~~ teeth. The unison ring includes a second gear member attached thereto that also comprises ~~a number of~~ teeth. The teeth of the first and second gear members are cooperatively engaged with one another. ~~In an example embodiment, the~~ The second gear member is movably attached to the unison ring to maintain predetermined distance between the first and second gear members during operation of the turbocharger and related thermal movement of the unison ring.--

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